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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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CONGRATULATING ELIZABETH "LIBBY" YOUNG FOR HER NUMEROUS  
ACHIEVEMENTS AND OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIELD OF  
JOURNALISM.

1 WHEREAS, the people of Hawaii take great pride in  
2 recognizing and honoring the notable achievements and  
3 contributions of educators who, through their extraordinary  
4 dedication and proficiency in a field of study, significantly  
5 improve the quality of education of their students; and  
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7 WHEREAS, ELIZABETH "LIBBY" YOUNG is a journalism and  
8 English professor at Windward Community College who has led  
9 students to high achievement; she has brought national attention  
10 to the Windward Community College campus through its journalism  
11 program and multiple award-winning newspaper, Ka 'Ohana; its  
12 students have also earned internships from the Society of  
13 Professional Journalists - Hawaii Chapter; and  
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15 WHEREAS, ELIZABETH "LIBBY" YOUNG has been repeatedly  
16 honored for her accomplishments in the field of journalism, and  
17 has shown initiative, creativity, and productivity at Windward  
18 Community College in Kaneohe, maintaining the high standards of  
19 teaching excellence and establishing a learning environment that  
20 creates an exuberance for learning among students; and  
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22 WHEREAS, ELIZABETH "LIBBY" YOUNG has been the recipient of  
23 several awards, including the prestigious 1995 Carnegie  
24 Foundation Professor of the Year award for Hawaii, and was  
25 selected as one of "Ten Who Made a Difference" statewide in 1991  
26 by the former Honolulu Star-Bulletin; she also received the 1990  
27 Excellence in Teaching Award, given annually by the University  
28 of Hawaii Board of Regents for outstanding contributions in a  
29 field of study; and



1 WHEREAS, despite ELIZABETH "LIBBY" YOUNG'S many academic  
2 responsibilities, she has dedicated time to serving as president  
3 of the Hawaii Literary Arts Council, and founded the noted  
4 statewide Star Poets Literacy Project in partnership with  
5 Starbucks Coffee; she was also one of the earliest recipients of  
6 the Windward Community College Provost Award for Outstanding  
7 Service; and

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9 WHEREAS, ELIZABETH "LIBBY" YOUNG served as the first public  
10 information officer for the University of Hawaii Community  
11 College System from 1970 to 1976; four years later, after  
12 transferring to Windward Community College, she was named as one  
13 of several promising researchers in the nation by the National  
14 Council of Teachers of English for her master's thesis, which  
15 studied how professional journalists form their ledes; and

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17 WHEREAS, ELIZABETH "LIBBY" YOUNG'S teaching was not  
18 confined to the classroom as she encouraged her students to  
19 engage in community issues; with the help of students, faculty,  
20 and community leaders, as well as the support of Windward  
21 legislators, she mounted a successful fundraising campaign at  
22 the State Capitol that resulted in securing millions of dollars  
23 for Windward Community College's master plan, including a state-  
24 of-the art learning center and library; and

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26 WHEREAS, in May of this year, ELIZABETH "LIBBY" YOUNG will  
27 be retiring from Windward Community College after 35 years of  
28 outstanding service, leaving indelible imprints on those who  
29 were fortunate to have been enriched by her guidance,  
30 compassion, and intellect; now, therefore,

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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
33 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
34 Session of 2015, that this body hereby congratulates ELIZABETH  
35 "LIBBY" YOUNG for her numerous achievements and outstanding  
36 contribution to the field of journalism, and extends to her its  
37 warmest aloha and best wishes for continued success in all  
38 future endeavors.

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